

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3910
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BEEDI WORKERS COVERED UNDER EPF AND MP ACT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more than two lakh beedi workers engaged in various units of the country have not been covered under EPF and MP Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to cover them under the Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (c): As on 31.3.2000, there were 19.06 lakh beedi workers covered under the EPF & MP Act 1952. The Act is applicable to the establishments including beedi establishments employing 20 or more persons. The EPF & MP Act applies on its own volition. Accordingly, the Beedi establishments employing 20 or more persons are required to report compliance in respect of all the workers coverable under the EPF Scheme. Detection of EPF default and securing compliance from the defaulters is an ongoing process. Necessary legal and penal action as provided under Section 7A, 8B, 14 and 14B of the EPF & MP Act is taken as and when default in coverage of beedi workers is detected by the EPF Authorities.